

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

What Is Claimed Is:

1. (Currently amended) ~~A tool for remotely turning a key, the tool comprising:~~
 - a) ~~a key unit including an engagement assembly adapted to engage the~~
key;
 - b) ~~an operator unit including a control assembly;~~ The tool of Claim 2
wherein:
 - e) the at least one cable segment includes first and second cable segments linking the key unit and the operator unit such that the engagement assembly can be mechanically rotated via the first and second cable segments by manipulation of the control assembly to thereby selectively rotate the key when the key is engaged by the engagement assembly in each of a first rotative direction and a second rotative direction; and
 - d) ~~wherein~~ the first and second cable segments are connected to the engagement assembly and the control assembly such that the first cable segment is pulled when the control assembly is operated to rotate the engagement assembly in the first rotative direction and the second cable segment is pulled when the control assembly is operated to rotate the engagement assembly in the second rotative ~~position~~ direction.
2. (Original) A tool for remotely turning a key, the tool comprising:
 - a) a key unit including an engagement assembly adapted to engage the key;
 - b) an operator unit including a control assembly; and
 - c) at least one cable segment linking the key unit and the operator unit such that the engagement assembly can be mechanically rotated via the cable segment

by manipulation of the control assembly to thereby rotate the key when the key is engaged by the engagement assembly;

d) wherein the control assembly includes a rotatable knob and the tool is operative to rotate the engagement assembly responsive to rotation of the rotatable knob.

3. (Original) The tool of Claim 2 wherein the cable segment is pulled when the control assembly is operated to rotate the engagement assembly.

4. (Currently amended) ~~A tool for remotely turning a key, the tool comprising:~~
a) ~~a key unit including an engagement assembly adapted to engage the~~
key;

b) ~~an operator unit including a control assembly; and~~

e) ~~at least one cable segment linking the key unit and the operator unit~~
~~such that the engagement assembly can be mechanically rotated via the cable segment~~
~~by manipulation of the control assembly to thereby rotate the key when the key is~~
~~engaged by the engagement assembly;~~

d) The tool of Claim 2 wherein the engagement assembly includes at least one set screw adapted to frictionally engage and hold the key.

5. (Original) The tool of Claim 4 including first and second set screws each adapted to frictionally engage and hold the key.

6. (Original) The tool of Claim 5 wherein the first and second set screws are adapted to engage opposed sides of the key.

7. (Original) A tool for remotely turning a key, the tool comprising:

a) a key unit including a key unit housing and an engagement assembly adapted to engage the key, the engagement assembly being rotatably mounted in the key unit housing;

- b) an operator unit including a control assembly; and
- c) at least one cable segment linking the key unit and the operator unit such that the engagement assembly can be mechanically rotated via the cable segment by manipulation of the control assembly to thereby rotate the key when the key is engaged by the engagement assembly.

8. (Original) The tool of Claim 7 wherein the engagement assembly includes a rotatable head and a slot formed in the head, the slot being adapted to receive the key.

9. (Original) The tool of Claim 7 including a counterweight extending from the key unit housing to stabilize the key unit.

10. (Currently amended) The tool of Claim 7 including a bearing operably mounted in the key unit housing between the key unit housing and the key engagement assembly.

11. (Original) The tool of Claim 7 wherein at least a portion of the engagement assembly adapted to engage the key is adapted to be removed and replaced with a replacement portion adapted to engage the key and/or a further key.

12. (Original) A tool for remotely turning a key, the tool comprising:

- a) a key unit including an engagement assembly adapted to engage the key;
- b) an operator unit including a control assembly;
- c) at least one cable segment linking the key unit and the operator unit such that the engagement assembly can be mechanically rotated via the cable segment by manipulation of the control assembly to thereby rotate the key when the key is engaged by the engagement assembly; and

d) an inline spring connected to the cable segment to maintain a tension in the cable segment, wherein the spring is positioned in the cable segment between opposed ends of the cable segment.

13. (Original) The tool of Claim 12 wherein the cable segment is pulled when the control assembly is operated to rotate the engagement assembly.

14. (Original) A tool for remotely turning a key, the tool comprising:

- a) a key unit including an engagement assembly adapted to engage the key;
- b) an operator unit including a control assembly;
- c) at least one cable segment linking the key unit and the operator unit such that the engagement assembly can be mechanically rotated via the cable segment by manipulation of the control assembly to thereby rotate the key when the key is engaged by the engagement assembly; and
- d) a clutch mechanism adapted to limit the maximum load that can be applied to the key by the tool.

15. (Original) The tool of Claim 14 wherein the clutch mechanism is a slippable clutch mechanism.

16. (Original) The tool of Claim 14 wherein the cable segment is pulled when the control assembly is operated to rotate the engagement assembly.

17-19. (Cancelled).